

students for purposes of computing state aid; that was...Senator Hefner will recognize that; and provisions of LB 719A because there is no A bill connected with 511. New things that are being added, because I'm anticipating that there may be some movement on the...with the Lynch amendment, a compromise amendment that had been worked out between the NRCSA folks and some folks that former Senator Vickers was representing, providing that when a school district falls below 35 students in high school for one year, they are required to submit a plan for cooperative sharing of staff, administration and curriculum with other high schools. Fall below 25 students in high schools for two consecutive years, they shall become a Class I district by operation of the law. In the second year, the landowners may freehold out. That is an attempt by the NRCSA folks and those that Senator Vickers represents to deal with the efficiency arguments, we'll be continuing to deal with those via a study resolution this summer. And the rest of this is primarily clarification data that needs to be included to make state aid work, that needs to be included to make Senator Schellpeper's amendment work, that needs to be done to make affiliation work properly. If there are any technical type questions about those, feel free to ask those, and we'll provide some answers for you. But that is what the amendment does. With that, I think there have been a couple of amendments filed that do, in fact, deal with the substance of this amendment. I feel comfortable dealing with those, if we can do it in a relatively short time span. Frankly, I'm not going to be comfortable... I had filed a number of amendments, number of other people have filed amendments to 719 to turn it into a Christmas tree. Christmas trees are fine seven or eight days out before adjournment, but it's kind of after Christmas now, so I would urge people to save their Christmas tree packages until next year, until it's closer to the Christmas time. With that, I will be happy to respond to any questions, or participate in the debate on the amendments.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Withem. On the amendment, Senator Robinson.

SENATOR ROBINSON: Mr. Speaker, members of the body, I stand in support of Senator Withem's amending his bill into 511. He's worked hard on it, his committee and his staff have worked hard on it, and I would urge everyone to limit the debate on the amendments and move the bill on. Thank you.